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VI. Organizational matters

A. Membership

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ. Pursuant to the provisions of that resolution, in 2001 the Committee was composed of the following Member States: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Benin, Chile, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Namibia, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and the United States of America.

B. Officers

2. The Committee held its organizational session for 2001 on 19 April and 22 June 2001 (434th and 435th meetings). At its 434th meeting, on 19 April, the Committee elected the following officers to serve in 2001:

Chairman:

Abdelmalek **Bouheddou** (Algeria)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Tina **Larvala** (Finland)

Audra **Plepyte** (Lithuania)

Durga P. **Bhattarai** (Nepal)

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3. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed in principle that the Chairman would undertake informal consultations with a view to determining the composition of its Bureau in 2002.



C. Organization of work

4. At its 434th meeting, on 19 April, the Committee agreed to follow the guidelines adopted in 1994 and 1995 with regard to consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences and to meet as required to review proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings during sessions of the General Assembly.

5. At its 435th meeting, on 22 June, the Committee, after reviewing the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 2002-2003, recommended the adoption of the draft calendar and agreed to bring its comments to the attention of the President of the Council.

6. The Committee convened its substantive session from 27 to 29 August 2001 (436th to ____ meetings).

7. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services addressed the Committee at the opening of its organizational and substantive sessions.

D. Programme of work

8. At its organizational session for 2000, the Committee had requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 2001 at its organizational session for 2001. At its 434th meeting, on 19 April, the Committee adopted the proposed agenda (A/AC.172/2001/L.1). At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 2002 at the organizational session for 2002.

VII. Work of the Committee during the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, from 11 September to 23 December 2000

9. The Committee was seized of the request and took the action set out below.

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations	To convene five meetings of the Committee and its working group at the end of October 2000 prior to the meetings of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee. The meetings were envisaged as the result of the issuance of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and the report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Panel.	Committee and its working group added to the list of bodies recommended for authorization by the General Assembly to meet during the main part of the fifty-fifth session